

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 262**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Harkey**

February 7, 2011

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An act to amend Section 13200 of the Water Code, relating to the California regional water quality control boards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 262, as introduced, Harkey. California regional water quality control boards: boundaries.

Under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the 9 California regional water quality control boards are among the principal state agencies that carry out responsibilities relating to water quality. The act prescribes the boundaries of each regional board.

This bill would revise the description of the boundaries of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 13200 of the Water Code is amended to  
2     read:  
3     13200. (a) The state is divided, for the purpose of this division,  
4     into nine regions:  
5     ~~(a)~~  
6     (1) North Coast region, which comprises all basins including  
7     Lower Klamath Lake and Lost River Basins draining into the

1 Pacific Ocean from the California-Oregon state line southerly to  
2 the southerly boundary of the watershed of Estero de San Antonio  
3 and Stemple Creek in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

4 (b)

5 (2) San Francisco Bay region, which comprises San Francisco  
6 Bay, Suisun Bay, from Sacramento River and San Joaquin River  
7 westerly from a line which passes between Collinsville and  
8 Montezuma Island and follows thence the boundary common to  
9 Sacramento and Solano Counties and that common to Sacramento  
10 and Contra Costa Counties to the westerly boundary of the  
11 watershed of Markley Canyon in Contra Costa County, all basins  
12 draining into the bays and rivers westerly from this line, and all  
13 basins draining into the Pacific Ocean between the southerly  
14 boundary of the north coastal region and the southerly boundary  
15 of the watershed of Pescadero Creek in San Mateo and Santa Cruz  
16 Counties.

17 (c)

18 (3) Central Coast region, which comprises all basins, including  
19 Carrizo Plain in San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties, draining into  
20 the Pacific Ocean from the southerly boundary of the watershed  
21 of Pescadero Creek in San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties to the  
22 southeasterly boundary, located in the westerly part of Ventura  
23 County, of the watershed of Rincon Creek.

24 (d)

25 (4) Los Angeles region, which comprises all basins draining  
26 into the Pacific Ocean between the southeasterly boundary, located  
27 in the westerly part of Ventura County, of the watershed of Rincon  
28 Creek and a line which coincides with the southeasterly boundary  
29 of Los Angeles County from the ocean to San Antonio Peak and  
30 follows thence the divide between San Gabriel River and Lytle  
31 Creek drainages to the divide between Sheep Creek and San  
32 Gabriel River drainages.

33 (e)

34 (5) Santa Ana region, which comprises all basins draining into  
35 the Pacific Ocean between the southeasterly boundary of the Los  
36 Angeles region and ~~a line which follows the drainage divide~~  
37 ~~between Muddy and Moro Canyons from the ocean to the summit~~  
38 ~~of San Joaquin Hills; thence along the divide between lands~~  
39 ~~draining into Newport Bay and into Laguna Canyon to Niguel~~  
40 ~~Road; thence along Niguel Road and Los Aliso Avenue to the~~

1 ~~divide between Newport Bay and Aliso Creek drainages; thence~~  
2 ~~along that divide and the southeasterly boundary of the Santa Ana~~  
3 ~~River drainage to the divide between Baldwin Lake and Mojave~~  
4 ~~Desert drainages; thence along that divide to the divide between~~  
5 ~~Pacific Ocean and Mojave Desert drainages~~ *the southern border*  
6 *of Orange County.*

7 ~~(f)~~

8 (6) San Diego region, which comprises all basins draining into  
9 the Pacific Ocean between the southern boundary of the Santa Ana  
10 region and the California-Mexico boundary.

11 ~~(g)~~

12 (7) Central Valley region, which comprises all basins including  
13 Goose Lake Basin draining into the Sacramento and San Joaquin  
14 Rivers to the easterly boundary of the San Francisco Bay region  
15 near Collinsville. The Central Valley region shall have section  
16 offices in the Sacramento Valley and the San Joaquin Valley.

17 ~~(h)~~

18 (8) Lahontan region, which comprises all basins east of the  
19 Santa Ana, Los Angeles and Central Valley regions from the  
20 California-Oregon boundary to the southerly boundary located in  
21 Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties of the watersheds  
22 draining into Antelope Valley, Mojave River Basin and Dry Lake  
23 Basin near Ivanpah.

24 ~~(i)~~

25 (9) Colorado River Basin region, which comprises all basins  
26 east of the Santa Ana and San Diego regions draining into the  
27 Colorado River, Salton Sea and local sinks from the southerly  
28 boundary of the ~~Lahontan~~ *Lahontan* region to the  
29 California-Mexico boundary.

30 ~~The~~

31 (b) *The* regions defined and described in this section shall be  
32 as precisely delineated on official maps of the department and  
33 include all of the areas within the boundaries of the state.

34 ~~For~~

35 (c) *For* purposes of this section the boundaries of the state  
36 extend three nautical miles into the Pacific Ocean from the line of  
37 mean lower low water marking the seaward limits of inland waters  
38 and three nautical miles from the line of mean lower low water on  
39 the mainland and each offshore island.

40 ~~Nothing in this~~

- 1     (d) *This section shall does not* limit the power conferred by this
- 2     chapter to regulate the disposal of waste into ocean waters beyond
- 3     the boundaries of the state.